



Conference & Curriculum Fair



*I have No Greater Joy than this, to hear
of my Children Walking in the Truth,
III John 1:4*

April 27-28, 2018

Indian Hills Community Church
1000 S. 84th St.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Featuring:

Adam & Ian Andrews

CenterForLit Inc.

Carol Becker

HSLDA High School Consultant

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Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

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You are graciously invited to attend . . .

The NCHEA's 31st Annual Conference and Curriculum Fair (C&CF). The ultimate purpose of the C&CF is to bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ in all that is said and done. We hope that the workshops and keynote sessions serve to be a witness to the lost, encouragement to the downtrodden, provide fellowship for believers, and a time of rest for weary parents.

Why should you attend? Come to . . .

- ♦ Be inspired by our speakers
- ♦ Shop the exhibit halls and see what's new
- ♦ Renew your vision for home-based discipleship
- ♦ Meet and have fellowship with other like-minded home-educating parents
- ♦ Get refreshed and conquer "burnout"
- ♦ Share your experiences with those new to homeschooling
- ♦ Browse and evaluate curriculum
- ♦ Better understand the benefits of parent-led home education
- ♦ Mentor new homeschooling parents
- ♦ Learn about homeschooling and parent-led discipleship
- ♦ Spend "couple time" away from home and children
- ♦ Be blessed

Sincerely,

NCHEA Board, Officers, and Conference Committee

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 27

8:30 a.m.
Registration Begins
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Teen Conference
9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Exhibit Halls Open for Shopping
9:30 –10:30 a.m.
Opening General Session
11 a.m. Navigating the Exhibit Hall*
11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Workshop Sessions
2:30–3 p.m.
Vendor Workshops
6:30 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Closes
7–8:30 p.m.
Open to the Public
Keynote Session followed by Graduate Recognition

** For new conference attendees. Meet at 11 a.m. for a fun orientation session in Room 1404.*

Saturday, April 28

8 a.m.
Registration Begins
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Teen Conference
8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Exhibit Halls Open for Shopping
9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Workshop Sessions
10:15–10:45 a.m.
Vendor Workshops
Noon–1 p.m.
Support Group Leader Luncheon**
3:30 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Closes
3–4 p.m.
Closing General Session

*** Support Group Leaders join us for an informational and inspirational session in Room 1101-1102. RSVP on the Registration Form. Bring your own lunch or preorder on the Registration Form.*

Questions?

C&CF and Teen Conference

Kathleen Lenzen ♦ nchea@windstream.net ♦ (402) 423-4297

Janell Papke ♦ cjpapke@yahoo.com ♦ (402) 798-0444

Jean Bennett ♦ jaben4@windstream.net ♦ (402) 435-5717

Kids Conference

Addie Ridge ♦ nchea4kids@nchea.org ♦ (308) 830-3945

Pre-Registration & Payment

Save \$\$\$ with NCHEA membership and early registration!

Pre-registrations must be received by **April 1, 2018**. When your online registration is received, you will get an email confirmation. Please save this confirmation as your record of registration. If you do not have an email address, your canceled check will be your confirmation. Confirmation notices are not mailed.

Each individual or couple that pre-registers will receive one C&CF syllabus at check-in. The syllabus contains outlines and resources. Additional copies may be reserved in advance on the registration form for \$10. Individuals or couples registering at the door receive a syllabus while supplies last.

For quick and easy registration go to www.NCHEA.org.

C&CF Information

Pre-Registration

Save \$\$\$ when you register by April 1, 2018! Register online at www.NCHEA.org. Please save your online confirmation as record of registration. Or your canceled check is your confirmation. For quick and easy registration go to www.NCHEA.org. If you have any online registration questions, call after 6 p.m.: (402) 423-4297.

Lodging

Comfort Suites, 331 North Cotner Blvd.

Call (402)325-8800 for reservations. Ask for NCHEA room block to receive the discount.

Fairfield Inn and Suites, 8455 Andermatt Dr.

Group rate is \$89. Call (402) 325-6400. Ask for the NCHEA room block for discount. Block release date is March 16, 2018.

CDs and MP3s

Buy your C&CF MP3s early and save \$15. See the registration form for payment information. Remember, the C&CF includes more information than you can absorb in two days! You can purchase CDs and MP3s at the booth in the lobby if you miss a workshop. No personal recording devices allowed.

Exhibit Halls

Your C&CF registration includes unlimited access to the Exhibit Halls featuring publishers, textbooks, and teaching materials. **There is no discount to attend only the Exhibit Halls.**

Free Friday Night

Know someone curious about homeschooling? The Friday evening keynote session is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Invite your interested friends, family, church members, and your neighbors to see the results of home education. All ages are welcome.

Solicitation

No unauthorized solicitation or distribution of material is permitted at the C&CF or in the parking lot.

Children

Because of space limitations and speaker requests, children may not attend workshop sessions. (Exception to this is quiet, dependent, nursing babies under 12 months/age.) For safety and security concerns, children attending the conference with their parents must remain with a parent at all times. Parents may want to alternate attending workshops to conform to this rule. One parent can shop the curriculum fair with children while the other parent attends a workshop.

"Children" is defined as persons under the age of 18 years. Adult children in the home who want to attend must pay and register for the conference.

On-site childcare is not available. A room is available to change diapers, nurse babies, or have quiet time.

Workshops are recorded. A parent should sit near an exit and step out when an infant becomes noisy, even happy noises.

Kids Conference and Teen Conference

The NCHEA provides a Kids Conference and a Teen Conference for students to have their own age-appropriate conference experience. These conferences are planned by young adults/homeschool graduates and homeschooling parents. Care is taken to provide a safe environment for fun and learning to take place.

Students attending the Kids Conference must be picked up by 5:15 p.m. on Friday and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Students attending the Teen Conference will be escorted to the south lobby of the church at 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday. Plan to meet your child in the lobby.

Refund Policy

No refunds or adjustments are made at the C&CF. All refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope when requesting a refund.

Volunteers

The C&CF is planned and conducted by homeschool parents like you. This undertaking requires many volunteers. Prayerfully consider volunteering. Please check the box on the registration form marked "volunteers" or call Kathleen Lenzen at (402) 423-4297 or Janell Papke at (402) 798-0444.

Support Group Leaders Lunch

Thank you for all that you do! Saturday at noon, join us for a great time to connect with other leaders and encourage one another--Room 1101-1102. Please bring your lunch or preorder a sack lunch.

Food

Food and drink are NOT permitted in the church, except in the Teacher's Lounge. Friday, a lunch is available on site for purchase. Saturday, plan tailgate picnic lunch in the parking lot, or enjoy one of the many dining options available near the church.

Graduate Recognition

Homeschool graduate recognition is Friday evening. Graduates should contact Janell Papke at cjpapke@yahoo.com or Kathleen Lenzen at NCHEA@windstream.net, or visit www.NCHEA.org for the graduate questionnaire, fees and related information. Parents of graduates must register for the C&CF and graduate recognition by April 1, 2018. The Keynote Session and Graduate Recognition are open to the public.

Exhibit and Advertising

Advertising in the syllabus and exhibitor space is available. For information, contact NCHEA@windstream.org or NCHEA@NCHEA.org. Advertising and exhibiting is at the discretion of the C&CF committee and denials are without comment.

Calls

The church does not sponsor this event and no calls should be directed to Indian Hills Community Church.

Take the Conference Speakers Home

With You! Pre-order your C&CF MP3s on the registration form.

Save \$15 with your early-bird discount.

Featured Speakers

Adam Andrews

Center for Lit



Adam Andrews is the director of the Center for Literary Education and a home schooling father of six. Since 2003, he has traveled throughout the United States and Canada presenting an innovative and accessible method for teaching the crucial skills of literary analysis and interpretation. Adam's enthusiastic style and dynamic seminar presenta-

tions have enabled many students to understand and enjoy great literature as never before, while his practical experience and fresh insights have inspired parents and teachers with new vision for their task as educators.

Adam and his wife Missy are convinced that influence and leadership opportunities in the next generation will eventually go to those students who know how to handle

ideas, for ideas really do shape the world. A true education must therefore be a literary education, for the literature of the world is the great storehouse of the ideas of history's most thoughtful men. The Center for Literary Education is dedicated to providing parents and teachers with the tools for this kind of education and encouraging them in the most noble of callings: the training of a generation of leaders.

Adam received his B.A. from Hillsdale College in southern Michigan and his M.A. from the University of Washington in Seattle, where he is currently a candidate for the Ph.D. He is writing his doctoral dissertation on the history of American higher education. Adam is a Henry Salvatori Fellow of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and has served on the Board of Directors at Westover Academy in Colville Washington. He and his wife Missy, a Hillsdale graduate and accomplished educator in her own right, currently teach all six of their children at home in Rice, Washington.

Ian Andrews

Center for Lit



Ian Andrews is a teacher and the marketing coordinator at CenterForLit. He has been reading and talking about good books his entire life. Homeschooled through 12th grade, he attended his parents' alma mater, Hillsdale College, where he graduated with a degree in English

Literature. He and his wife, Emily, live in a tiny Colorado mountain town, and work full-time for Adam and Missy Andrews at CenterForLit, teaching, writing, and developing the newest wave of teacher aids in literature.

Workshop Speakers



Henry Burke

Henry Burke is a Civil Engineer with a B.S.C.E. and M.S.C.E. He has been a Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) for 37 years and has worked as a Civil Engineer in construction for over 40 years. Henry serves as a full-time volunteer to oversee various construction projects at West Hills Church and Grace University in Omaha. He has written numerous articles on education, engineering, construction, politics, taxes, and the economy. Most importantly, Henry is a life-long Christian who has given his life to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



Gwelda Carlson

Gwelda has a M.A. and taught in public schools for more than 26 years, primarily in special education and as a RtI literacy teacher. She spent many years teaching

in a Title I school system in Lincoln. Gwelda also taught preschool and Head Start. She is an academic tutor, focusing primarily on literacy instruction. She has provided literacy skills instruction at the university level and has provided numerous workshops and staff development sessions in reading. She is a past president of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association and serves on the Board of Directors.



Shelli Cook

Shelli, CCC-SLP, received her M.S. in Education in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Nebraska-Kearney and B.S. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has provided services in public and private

Carol Becker

HSLDA, High School Consultant



Carol and her husband Jim homeschooled their son in grades 1–12 and their daughter K–12 using a variety of teaching options. The Beckers' son has a master's degree in Information Technology and a B.S. in Systems Engineering, and their daughter earned a B.A. with Highest Distinction in French. As a High School Consultant for HSLDA, Carol relishes

the opportunity to encourage and equip homeschooling mothers because they are raising the next generation of leaders.

During Carol's homeschooling years, she established two homeschool co-ops. The first encompassed History, Geography, and Drama and ran for eleven years accommodating students in grades 2–12. With a B.S. and M.S. in Engineering, Carol also has a passion for science, which led her to form and direct a science co-op when her son entered the high school years. She successfully guided a group of dedicated mothers and homeschooled scholars through Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Convinced that homeschooled students must develop and hone analytical writing skills, Carol has shepherded two different groups of homeschooled students through a three-year original high school English program consisting of Composition I with Literature, Composition II with American Literature, and British Literature. Carol has tutored writing students from middle school, high school, and community college. She has also taught Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry.

Jake MacAulay

Institute of the Constitution



Jake is a homeschooling father of four and serves as the CEO of the Institute on the Constitution (IOTC), an educational outreach and curriculum that presents the founders' biblical view of law and government. IOTC's US Constitution course, accommodates the required High School Civics

and US Government Credit and provides students a full understand of the Biblical principles on which America's founding documents are based. The former co-host of the syndicated talk show, *The Sons of Liberty*, he is an ordained minister and has spoken to audiences nationwide, and has established the American Club, a constitutional study group in private, co-op, and public schools. Jake has been seen on Yahoo News, Fox News, The Blaze, AP, CBS, NBC, The Weekly Standard and more.

schools, rehabilitation facilities, and private practice, including focus on reading instruction for more than 14 years. Shelli is on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association.

Ed Daly

Dr. Daly received his Ph.D. in School Psychology from Syracuse University in 1992. His research is in developing functional assessment methods for academic performance problems. He has co-authored two texts and numerous chapters and journal articles on this topic. Dr. Daly was editor of the *Journal of School Psychology*, and associate editor for the *School Psychology Review* and the *School Psych* editorial boards for professional journals. He worked for five years as a school psychologist before taking a faculty position in 1995. He trained school

psychologists at the University of Cincinnati and Western Michigan University before coming to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he is Professor of Educational (School) Psychology. He trains school psychologists to do problem-solving consultation and help teachers to select, implement, and evaluate academic and behavioral interventions for the classroom.

Kathleen Cotter Lawler

Kathleen is the daughter of Dr. Joan A. Cotter, author and creator of the RightStart™ Mathematics program. She was one of the first to grow up under the Activities for Learning principles. Kathleen has a degree in Home Economics from the University of Minnesota and two master's degrees from the University of Mary. She is responsible for program development support, marketing, sales, and



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general management. She travels the US and Canada, helping children understand, apply, and enjoy mathematics.



Mary Flory

Mary Flory, M.Ed., is the Southeast Regional ASD Coordinator for the Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorders Network. She has supported students with disabilities for over 40 years, working as a teacher, instructional coach, and by providing professional development about evidence-based practices to local school districts, parents, and community organizations.



Gretchen Garrison

For almost five years, Gretchen has been intentionally traveling around Nebraska. She has made her mission to learn more about the places and people of Nebraska, past and present. Besides writing about her experiences on her blog, www.odysseythroughnebraska.com, she is excited about her first book, *Detour Nebraska: Historical Destinations and Natural Wonders*. She has four kids, and Gretchen and her husband, Kyle, are grateful for 18 years of marriage and being able to operate their family business, GP Restoration and Blasting, together. In her "spare" time, Gretchen teaches geography at the Lancaster Learning Link.



Rachel Smith

Originally from York, Neb., Dr. Smith earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from Indiana University School of Optometry in May 2013, followed by a year of specialty training in binocular vision and pediatrics in Omaha. In 2017, she became a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development. Dr. Smith is passionate about pediatric vision care and helping patients overcome visual deficiencies that are impacting their ability to learn. Dr. Smith practices at EyeCare Specialties, P.C. in Lincoln where she provides primary eye care as well as pediatric and vision therapy care at EyeCare Specialties Center for Vision Development.



Danna Swartz

Danna and her husband Patrick have volunteered with NCHEA for more than 10 years. They are both involved with teaching their eight children in the home and work as educators at Grace University and corporate training facilities. They love to work with new homeschool families to help equip them for the mission ahead.



Ruth Tennis

Ruth began her homeschool career with the words, "We'll give Kindergarten a try." Sixteen years later, she graduated the last of 4 children. Though varied, her preferred teaching methods include multi-learning style activities, developing inquisitiveness and critical thinking, cross-disciplinary approaches, and lots of great literature. Ruth has degrees in English and Interpersonal Communication and a Master's Degree in English from Truman University. In addition to free-lance editing, Ruth has taught college-level English composition and English as a Second Language in China and Illinois. For Ruth, developing a heart for God and people, a love of learning, and effective communication are crucial. As a consultant for Rainbow Resource Center since 2015, Ruth loves helping families meet their homeschool needs.



Gene Walter

Gene is a homeschooling father of eighteen years who has been actively involved in preparing his children for the ACT and SAT tests and the college search process. He represents John Baylor Prep, an online ACT and SAT test prep course designed to boost test scores and open the door to the college of your choice. Gene and his wife Becky and their three daughters live in Norfolk, Nebraska. He is president of Big Red Printing.

Graduate Recognition

Attention Seniors!

Join us for the Graduate Recognition
during the NCHEA Conference and Curriculum Fair on
April 27 in Lincoln.

Register by April 1 for this wonderful evening at
www.NCHEA.org.

Workshop Schedule

Friday, April 27

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Teaching the Classics from Seuss to Socrates – Literary Analysis for Everyone

Adam Andrews – Auditorium

Does literature seem like a mystery? Are you at a loss about how to understand it yourself, much less teach it? This inspiring lecture demonstrates that everything you need to know about understanding and teaching literature is present in your second grader's bedtime story. Adam reads a classic children's story and leads a discussion of eternal literary themes. Learn how you can do the same at home by following five simple steps. Your literature curriculum – to say nothing of family story time – will come alive. You'll never put the kids to bed the same way again!

11 a.m.–Noon

Navigating the Exhibit Hall

Tina Gould – 1404

New conference attendees can join us for a fun orientation about vendors and speakers. Discover great tools to get the most out of the conference.

“But what good is an English major?” – A Homeschool Graduate Reflects on the Benefits of a Literary Education

Ian Andrews – Auditorium

K-12 homeschooler and Hillsdale College graduate, shares experiences from a lifetime of reading and encourages anxious Moms with a thought-provoking question: Can great literature help my kids succeed in a scientific and technological world? Ian provides an inspiring summary of an all-time classic story and argues that the self-knowledge, humility and wisdom that come from reading such stories are absolutely critical for success – and that you, as the Mom in the trenches, can lead them right to it. Literary education worked for Ian, and it can work for your students too.

Christianity and the Constitution

Jake MacAuley – Chapel

Is there a link between the Bible and what our Founders crafted in the Constitution of these United States? Is it as some people claim a godless Constitution? Come discover for yourself the truth about our Founding Document. Walk away with clear, concise arguments to refute the godless Constitution myth being spread in our land.

Supports to Improve Executive Functions

Mary Flory – 1422-1423

Executive functioning describes a variety of cognitive skills which enable a person to engage successfully across environments. When these functions are not working effectively, students, despite strong abilities, can experience significant problems in many aspects of learning, including organization, task initiation, and/or task completion. Learn different ways that executive function can affect learning and get simple strategies to support successful experiences.

Ready, Set, GO!

Danna Swartz – 1112

How to start, where to find curriculum, when to school, and what a typical day looks like are some of the areas discussed. Get an understanding of Rule 12 and 13 and gain valuable information for your homeschool journey. This workshop is a MUST for new homeschoolers.

Charting Your Way Through High School for College, Workforce or Military

Carol Becker – 2430

Preparing teens for post-graduation goals requires planning. Get a timeline and checklist to ensure that important items are not overlooked! For college-bound teens, discover tips for the application and financial aid process. For teens headed directly into the workforce, explore job hunting and workplace skills. For teens interested in a military career, learn about the homeschool enlistment policy and get tips for applying to the service academies.

1–2 p.m.

“It’s Onomatopoeia, Mom!” – Using Children’s Stories to Teach Literary Devices

Adam Andrews – Auditorium

Juxtaposition, metaphor, symbolism, irony, foreshadowing – HELP! Parents often avoid literature because of the intimidating vocabulary of literary analysis. The truth is, you don't need a college degree in literature to understand this vocabulary; what you need is a well-written children's story. Take a guided tour of literary devices and become a discerning literary analyst. Doing the same with your own children couldn't be easier, but beware: soon, they will be finding onomatopoeia everywhere they look.

Monitoring Progress in Basic Academic Skills

Ed Daly, Ph.D. – Chapel

How do you evaluate your child's academic progress with reading, writing, math, and early literacy skills? Get training on curriculum-based measurement, a progress monitoring strategy for basic skills (oral reading fluency, math computation fluency, spelling, writing, and early literacy skills like phonemic awareness). These measures track progress on indicators of basic skills and facilitate decisions about the effectiveness of instruction in core skills that will serve them their entire lives.

Don't Make Me Think – Just Tell Me The Answer

Kathleen Cotter Lawler – 1422-1423

As a teacher, it's so easy to give the answer, isn't it? Oh, that's right... you don't do that. How long should a child think before you start helping? Sometimes we need to be quiet and let them wrestle with the problem to discover the answer. Do you know that children learn better and remember things longer when they discover the solution? The goal is to provide a way for them to learn how to solve problems. How might you go about doing this? Come to this workshop and find out how to help your child think their way through math.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Gwelda Carlson – 1112

Learn the definition, signs, and neurobiology of dyslexia in preschool children, along with improving brain processes

with early interventions. Speech pattern development, milestones, stuttering, and auditory processing are reviewed. Gain information and activities to increase print awareness, knowledge of the alphabet, phonological awareness, and handwriting skills.

Develop a Plan for High School: Sample 4-year Plan **Carol Becker – 2430**

How do you plan a program for your high school student? What subjects do you teach and when? Do you follow a basic plan, a general college prep plan, or a rigorous college prep plan? How do you evaluate credits? Determine course grades? What about a transcript and diploma? If you are beginning to think about homeschooling during the high school years, come organize your thoughts and begin laying the groundwork for a viable four-year plan.

2:30–3 p.m. **EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS**

Enjoy some great Exhibitor Workshops during this session!

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Why Your Kids Love Fantasy Literature – and What to Do About It

Ian Andrews–Auditorium

All children play make-believe. While they are little, allowing their imaginations to fuel their play is a harmless joy. But what if they soon yearn for the worlds they find in their favorite novels: strange worlds, imaginary worlds, non-Christian worlds? What if they lose themselves in fantasy? Get summaries of a few well-known stories and learn some simple literary tools to help you start meaningful conversations about the joys and dangers of fantasy literature.

Prepare Your Student for Effective Christian Citizenship **Jake MacAuley – Chapel**

Today more than ever we need Christian citizens who know the truth of God's Word and have a working knowledge of our Founding Documents so that they can be the transforming power needed to bring our land back from the tyranny of socialism to the liberty secured under the American View of Law and Government.

Give Me the Keys: Successful Home School Management **Ruth Tennis – 1101-1102**

Learning key management principles helps build a framework to successfully teach multiple ages. From curriculum choices to organizing lesson plans, from school to family life, from toddlers to high school, this workshop provides tried and true guidelines for successfully homeschooling your family.

Teaching Nebraska History at Home **Gretchen Garrison – 1112**

In Nebraska, fourth graders learn all about Nebraska. For homeschoolers, teaching this can seem intimidating. How can this subject be tackled at home when multiple grades are involved? Learn how to study Nebraska in a purposeful way and get interactive ideas, book lists, and project possibilities. Discuss a recommended textbook and get online ideas for helping Nebraska become a meaningful topic at home.

Essential Skills for Stressful Teens: Study and Time Management

Carol Becker – 2430

High school is a prime opportunity to equip your teens with skills needed for future success. If your teens are headed to college, the workforce, or the military, they will benefit from study and time management skills. Learn ideas to incorporate these skills into high school coursework and get resources to help teens cultivate these essential skills.

Keynote Address and Graduate Recognition

7–8:30 p.m.

Homeschooling's Highest Goal – Lessons from the Story of Job

Adam Andrews – Auditorium

Education is not an object we can possess; it's a state of the heart, mind, and soul. All great leaders share certain attributes in these areas, and Job was one of the greatest! Adam's unique perspective on Job's career inspires parents to prepare their students for leadership. Get a renewed vision for the liberal arts and practical suggestions to applying this vision at home.

followed by **Graduate Recognition**

Join us in celebrating the hard work of graduates and their families after the Keynote Address. This Keynote Address is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 28

9–10 a.m.

The Socratic Method for Dummies – Become a Great Teacher the Easy Way

Adam Andrews – Auditorium

What is The Socratic Method and how can it make me a better teacher? Is it a separate curriculum? Is it difficult to learn? Is it a lot of work to apply? Can I use it with what I'm already doing? Adam lays out simple answers to these questions by explaining and demonstrating a Socratic discussion to encourage and inspire parents to imitate the ancient philosopher. Parents of kids in K-12 will learn a simple technique can be applied in any subject to dramatically increase the power of contact time. Best of all, there's nothing to buy – all you need is a kid and a kitchen table!

Preparing the Biblical Christian for Engagement in the Culture War

Jake MacAuley – Chapel

There is a very real war for the hearts and minds of the next generation. If we do not engage the fight we are guaranteed to lose. Be equipped to stand successfully in the battle for truth. Parents may fear that when their children graduate they may turn against their homeschool upbringing. Is there a way to prevent that from happening? Explore the powerful tools

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God provides as well as learn from the experience of other homeschooling parents.

Let's Play Math Games

Kathleen Cotter Lawler – 1422-1423

Are you tired of flashcards? Does your child cry over timed math fact quizzes? Are you both beating your head against the wall because your child can't seem to remember the multiples of 7? Learn the fabulous and effective alternatives to worksheets and flashcards by playing easy and fun math card games. Discover games to help your child learn their math facts.

What Colleges Want-The Big 3

Gene Walter – 1101-1102

Learn three essentials every student needs to make colleges want him or her. Excelling in these areas can save thousands of dollars and help your student graduate with little or no debt. Watch colleges compete for your student and make the college dream a reality.

Ready, Set, GO!

Danna Swartz – 1112

How to start, where to find curriculum, when to school, and what a typical day looks like are some of the areas discussed. Get an understanding of Rule 12 and 13 and gain valuable information for your homeschool journey. This workshop is a MUST for new homeschoolers.

Preparing Your Teens for Life

Carol Becker – 2430

The high school years present an opportune time to develop skills that young adults will use the rest of their lives. Learn about the importance of teaching finance, health care, car ownership, job preparation, spiritual principles, and more. These areas will benefit your teens when they become independent adults. A list of resources is provided.

10:15–10:45 a.m.

Exhibitor Workshops

Enjoy some great Exhibitor Workshops during this session!

11 a.m.–Noon

Raising a Worldview Detective – Three Steps to Thinking Critically About Books, Movies and More

Adam Andrews – Auditorium

How do you teach your students to apply a “Christian Worldview” to the books they read, the movies they watch, and the culture they live in? The answer may surprise you, for well-meaning Christians often misunderstand the basic principles of worldview analysis. This misunderstanding often prevents Christian students from thinking clearly about contemporary culture. In this enthusiastic and engaging discussion of a literary classic, learn to avoid a serious (though common) teaching mistake and get three steps for understanding a story-teller on his own terms. Discover how to uncover, identify and evaluate an artist's worldview – and to teach your students to do the same.

Engaging Preschoolers While Teaching Older Children **Carol Kelsey – Chapel**

What will I do with my preschoolers while teaching older children? Has this question ever crossed your mind? Carol wants to help you create a family learning lifestyle that meets the needs of everyone in your home. Integrating preschoolers into your busy day can be easy and fun! Additionally, if you have specific questions, please deposit questions in a box marked “Questions for Carol” located at the NCHEA table that Carol will address as time permits during the workshop.

Myths and Realities in the Identification/Diagnosis of Learning and Behavior Problems

Ed Daly, Ph.D. – 1422-1423

Students with significant learning and behavior difficulties are often referred to a professional (e.g., a school or a private psychologist) to determine if they have an educational disability that qualifies them for additional services. The professional administers a battery of psychoeducational tests and makes a diagnosis with prescriptive recommendations. But how reliable and valid are these practices and diagnoses, and just how helpful are they? Gain knowledge about these practices so you are informed when a child is evaluated.

Why Does My Child Struggle to Read? Commonly Missed Connections Between Vision and Learning.

Dr. Rachel Smith – 1101-1102

Vision is much more than 20/20 eye sight. Symptoms of underlying visual disorders may include skipping small words or lines, frequent letter or number reversals, poor comprehension, and/or headaches at the end of the school day to name a few. Learn about more than 20 areas to vision that impact the ability to learn, how they are detected, and treatments including vision therapy.

Striving for Student Success, Part 1 **Nebraska Dyslexia Association – 1112**

High School Transcript Clinic: Helps & Tips

Carol Becker – 2430

Creating a transcript is a vital part of high school records—but it doesn't have to be hard! Learn to create a transcript for a pattern when designing your own. The session guides you through transcript essentials, credit evaluation, grading guidelines and scales, and calculation of grade point averages (GPAs). In addition, you'll receive sample transcripts showing other formats for you to consider.

Noon–1 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP LEADER LUNCH

Support group leaders meet in Room 1101-1102 for lunch and fellowship.

PREGISTRATION is required.

1–2 p.m.

“Symbolism”: Mastering Literature’s Most Powerful Device

Ian Andrews – Auditorium

No matter the author or genre, every work of literature is built in part on symbols. Identifying them, however, can be frustrating and difficult. Often it seems that an author’s symbols obscure his themes instead of making them clear. In a riveting presentation of one of the earliest English Poems, Ian Andrews explains this powerful device and shows how it can help you unlock the meaning of even the most difficult classics. All you need is the right series of simple questions.

Alternatives to the SAT Exam

Henry Burke – Chapel

Are you concerned about college entrance exams for your homeschooled students? Learn about the various national tests and how Nebraska students compare with other states on those tests. This workshop will present alternatives to the Common Core-aligned SAT test.

Identifying Simple and Low-cost Strategies to Supplement the Curriculum When the Child is Not Progressing

Ed Daly, Ph.D. – 1422-1423

What do you do when your child is not progressing as expected? Discover a simple model for identifying skill and performance deficits. Learn how to test whether the child has a skill or a performance deficit and select strategies to improve performance. A variety of instructional and motivational strategies that can be added as a supplement to the curriculum will be presented and described to try at home.

Opening the Window on Foreign Language

Ruth Tennis – 1101-1102

Whether currently using or evaluating foreign language programs, examine steps necessary to learn a language, various teaching methods, and how to select the curriculum to best meet your family’s needs, pre-K to high school. Get ways to implement learning and practice for novice, intermediate, and advanced learners. Also get information to help you decide whether to include Latin in your studies.

Striving for Student Success, Part 2

Nebraska Dyslexia Association – 1112

You Can Homeschool High School ... If You Can Make It Through Tomorrow

Carol Becker – 2430

As a parent homeschooling a teen (or thinking about homeschooling a teen), you may have doubts about your ability...and your sanity. Are you weighed down by the seriousness of high school? Do you question your competence to teach your teen? Be encouraged as you discover a new long-range perspective that is filled with much hope, faith, help and joy!

**3–4 p.m.
Keynote Address**

Education in an Hour – Teaching Life’s Most Critical Lessons in One Sitting

Adam Andrews – Auditorium

If you had only one hour in which to give your student a complete education, could you do it? If you accepted the challenge, what lesson would you teach? Adam Andrews argues that a complete and profound education can be acquired in one lesson – and then sets out to prove this audacious claim in an eye-opening, inspiring presentation. Adam first demonstrates the lesson using an example from his own subject, Literature. He then shows you how to teach it in your own area of interest. Adam gives examples of the lesson from every subject in the curriculum and invites the audience to contribute their own ideas. The power of this lesson may revolutionize the way you teach on a daily basis – and it only takes an hour!

All Year Long

All year long the Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association, a not-for-profit organization formed in 1986, provides information, support, and training to home educators throughout the state. We encourage you to join hundreds of homeschooling families across Nebraska who share in the benefits of NCHEA membership. Your membership is important in strengthening the impact of the NCHEA with elected officials.

NCHEA Membership Benefits:

- Newsletter
- Discounted Conference Registration
- \$20 HSLDA Membership Discount
- Legislative Alerts
- Legislative Day

**Register Online at
www.NCHEA.org**

NCHEA Kids Conference Presents



Get ready because the 2018 Kids Conference is coming up!

This year we are excited to head back to the time of David Livingstone as we follow the Hadley family and others as they shipwreck on a lonely beach. Or is it lonely after all?

You'll have to come to the Kids Conference to find out!

Join us to experience sacrifice, excitement, dangers, grand escapes and MORE!

Small groups will be full of memorizing scripture, fun activities and learning about living Christ's love: the mission of self-denial.



Music



Drama



Teaching



Friendships

NCHEA Kids Conference is excited to present **THE GREAT ADVENTURE!** Youth (ages 5-12) are invited to enroll in this two-day program as we engage in captivating drama, songs, Scripture memory, object lessons, hands-on projects and games.

This program should not be viewed as merely childcare. It is intended to deliver a Bible-based message in a memorable and fun way. Since a portion of this program will involve age-integrated small groups, families may request that siblings stay together.



Register today!

"...this is how we know what Love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." 1 John 3:16

Parents/Guardians must:

- ✓ **Pre-register and attend the Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association. (NCHEA) Conference.**
- ✓ **Pre-register/pre-pay for each child by mailing the registration below OR register online at www.nchea.org**
- ✓ **Submit a signed hard copy of the Medical Release/Permission form prior to registration deadline.**
- ✓ **Submit a signed hard copy of the Indemnification Agreement if registering by mail**
- ✓ **Provide a sack lunch(es) -- no refrigeration**

Friday

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Check-in

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dismissal

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Check-in

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Dismissal

Register TODAY!

Child: _____ Age: _____ M/F

Child: _____ Age: _____ M/F

Child: _____ Age: _____ M/F

Child: _____ Age: _____ M/F

Child: _____ Age: _____ M/F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

☐ Yes, please place my children in the same small group if possible.

☐ Yes, I am including an extra \$5.00 for a DVD including the drama and songs to be sent to me following the Kids Conference

Parents are welcome to check on their children at any time. Only a parent or authorized individual may remove a child from the care of the Kids Conference staff. Please remember - children may NOT accompany parents returning to the daytime NCHEA Conference. Your prompt adherence to the time schedule below is appreciated!

REGISTRATION

- *Early Bird Registration (*Postmarked by April 1st*)
\$30 for the first child and \$20 for each additional sibling.
(Tax included)
- *Late Registration (*Postmarked between April 1st-7th*)
\$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling.
(Tax included)

Please direct your mailed-in registration or questions to:

Addie Ridge, Registration Coordinator

516 Logan St, Holdrege, NE 68949 (308) 830-3945

nchea4kids@nchea.org

•Check Payable to: NCHEA

- Pre-registration/Pre-payment required! Register online at www.nchea.org. Admission cost is the same whether child attends one or two days. SPACE IS LIMITED! Check website to see if registration is still open. Onsite registrations are NOT permitted.

- Please print an email address below to receive confirmation of registration.

Email: _____

See www.nchea.org for more details.

This event is not sponsored by
Capitol City Christian Church.
No calls should be directed to the church facility.

- Refund Policy: No refunds or adjustments are made at the Kids Conference. All refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Nick Lenzen 2610 Winchester S Lincoln NE 68512 when requesting a refund.



Check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NCHEA4kids
We will be posting throughout the weekend!

Teen Conference

What in the World—view?

What in the world do Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Popular Spirituality teach?

How about Secular Humanism and Postmodernism in America today? And the popularity of Mormonism? Do any of these religions or Worldviews affect me?

Have you heard of the "Pick what-you-want-to-believe" worldview? Or, the religion that is just a collection of different religious beliefs?

How should we respond to Allah, Karma, and extra-biblical writings?

Teen Track 2018 examines popular World Religions and Worldviews around us today. We'll be using the book *World Religions from a Christian Perspective* as a springboard for learning and activities.

Join your friends and find out "What in the World—view" is going on!



This apologetics course is taught by Pastor Timothy Schmidt and Deb Badeer.

Register online at www.NCHEA.org

Conference is at Indian Hills Community Church, 1000 84th St., Lincoln

Cost

\$30 per Teen for the conference and \$20 for each additional sibling.

\$12 for lunch: Pizza – Friday; Sandwiches – Saturday (or bring your own, no frig)

Schedule

Friday: Registration 8:30 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday: Registration 8 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Parents should meet their teens in the south lobby of the church.

Parents/Guardians must:

- **Preregister for the parent C&CF.**
- **Preregister and prepay for each teen online or with enclosed form.**
- **Send a signed copy of the online Medical Release Form and Indemnification Agreement prior to April 1, 2018, to Jean Bennett, 2408 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502.**
- **Questions – contact jaben4@windstream.net**

Teen Conference Registration Form

Return this form or register online BEFORE APRIL 1 at www.NCHEA.org

Teen 1 _____

Teen 2 _____

Teen 3 _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____ E-mail _____

LUNCH

___ Yes, I am purchasing lunch Friday and Saturday. \$12/teen \$ _____

REGISTRATION

___ Yes, I am registering ___ teen/s.

\$30/first	\$ _____
\$20/additional	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Fill out the Medical Release and Indemnification forms found online at www.NCHEA.org.

Before your registration is complete, these forms must be returned to:

Jean Bennett, Teen Conference Registrar, 2408 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502

Questions? Contact after 6 p.m.: Jean Bennett, (402) 435-5717, jaben4@windstream.net

NCHEA C&CF Registration Form

Send in this form or register online **BEFORE APRIL 1** at www.NCHEA.org

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____
Wife (first) _____ (last) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Conference and Membership Pricing for 2018 \$45 for individual/couple registration (\$55 at the door) and includes C&CF Registration and NCHEA membership. If a current member, your membership will be extended for 12 months. If you do not want NCHEA membership, contact NCHEA@NCHEA.org to have your name removed from the membership roster.

Grandparent — Not home educating may attend free with a paid family member.
Grandparent Name _____

\$45/couple \$ _____
\$ FREE

Additional Activities and Opportunities

___ Yes, I am a Support Group leader, and I will be attending the huddle on Saturday.
___ Yes, I would like to preorder a sack lunch for the Support Group Huddle Saturday.
___ Yes, I would like an extra Syllabus for \$10 each.
___ Yes, I would like to volunteer: ☐ Fri a.m. ☐ Fri p.m. ☐ Sat a.m. ☐ Sat p.m.

Special Feature
\$6/lunch \$ _____
\$10/syllabus \$ _____

Conference MP3s

___ Yes, I want to pre-purchase the C&CF MP3 set and get a \$15 early-bird discount.. \$85/full set \$ _____

Donations

___ Yes, I am donating to NCHEA. NCHEA is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit. Gifts are not tax deductible. \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Newsletter Yes, I would like to receive the *NCHEA News* via ☐ E-mail or ☐ U.S. Mail

Support Group

___ Yes, I am a member of a local support group. Support group name _____
___ Yes, I am a support group leader. Leadership Position _____

Help Us Serve You Better

How many years have you homeschooled? ___ 0 ___ 1-3 ___ 4-6 ___ 7-9 ___ 10-12 ___ 13+
The best thing about the NCHEA is _____?
What topics/speakers would you like at the C&CF? _____

Kids Conference

___ Yes, my children are attending the conference, and I have mailed Kids Conference Registration, signed Medical Release and Indemnification forms, and fees to:
Addie Ridge, Registration Coordinator, 516 Logan St., Holdrege, NE 68949, (308)830-3945, nchea4kids@nchea.org

Teen Conference

___ Yes, my teen is attending the Teen Conference and I have mailed the Teen Conference Registration, signed Medical Release and Indemnification forms, and fees to:
Jean Bennett, Teen Conference Registrar, 2408 S. 18th, Lincoln, NE 68502.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE — APRIL 1, 2018

Mail this form (postmarked by April 1) and your check made payable to NCHEA to

Jeff Bennett, C&CF Registrar, 2408 S. 18th, Lincoln, NE 68502

Credit card payment can be made by registering online at www.NCHEA.org. When you pre-register and pay **online**, you will receive an email confirmation. Your canceled check will be your confirmation. Checks postmarked after April 1 will not be processed and can be picked up at the C&CF.